

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants' attorneys appreciate the Examiner's thorough search and remarks.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Amali et al. (Amali), U.S. Patent No. 7,045,859. Reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to call for "highly doped contact regions of said second conductivity formed in said channel region each being laterally confined between two opposing conductive regions". Thus, as illustrated by Fig. 1 and as described in the specification, paragraph [0038], in a device according to the present invention each contact region 26 is disposed between and laterally confined by two opposing source regions 20.

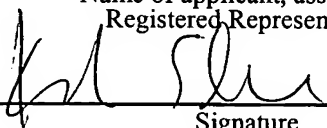
On the other hand, Fig. 6 of Amali does not show contact regions as claimed by claim 1. Furthermore, the contact region 26 shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 extends below source regions 9, and thus is not confined laterally by the source regions 9. It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that Amali does not anticipate claim 1.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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